WATARU WATANABE

渡辺航

Last September, I joined a certain 100km race in Gifu (Of course, I was riding a MTB).
The race started at 6am, and the time limit was till 4pm. The route led through a forest and a mountain, so the terrain was rough. Riding 100km on a road racer is normal for me, but I've never done long distance on a MTB before!
The first 25km was fun. The rest of the race was endurance.
I ran out of time on the last 80km. It was the first time I wasn't able to complete a race. I was really exhausted. My hands, back and butt hurt. It was regrettable, but I couldn't go on.

Apparently, some people completed the race in under 5 hours.
There's also a 120km course for this race. Amazing...!

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The Inter-High, where the best come together.

It is here where Kinjou and Fukutomi, Imaizumi and Widousuji, Sakamichi and Sangaku meet again! In the midst of rivalry, the curtains of their next challenge rise!

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週刊少年チャンピオン掲載

弱虫ペダル STORY & CHARACTER

ストーリー&キャラクター

インターハイのメンバーをかけた1000km合宿が終わった。完走は出来たものの、経験、実力、共に基準を下回る坂道はメンバー入りを諦めるが、主将・金城は坂道の意外性を評価してメンバーに決定する。そのジャージの重圧に押し潰される坂道だが、金城は最強のチームに必要なのは支え合いだと坂道に説く。自分の出来ることを再認識した坂道。そして総北は一丸となりIHを目指す!! そんな中、主将・金城は、1年前の夏、箱根学園の福富と一騎討ちとなったIHを思い出す。そこで明らかになった箱根学園・福富との因縁とは…!?

真波山岳

愛車　LOOK（仏）タイプ　クライマー

箱根の山道で坂道と出会った箱根学園の1年生。笑顔で登坂するほどの坂好き。

箱根学園自転車部

主将・福富

鳴子章吉

愛車　PINARELLO（伊）

タイプ　スプリンター

赤髪がトレードマークの関西出身のレーサー。浪花のスピードマンの異名を持つ。

寒咲幹

ロードレーサーに夢中の自転車オタク娘。

田所　巻島

総北高校自転車部3年生

手嶋　主将・金城

2年生

青八木

今泉俊輔

愛車　SCOTT（米）

タイプ　オールラウンダー

世界最速を目指し、日々ストイックに自転車で走り続けている。裏門坂登坂で競い合った坂道に興味を持っている。

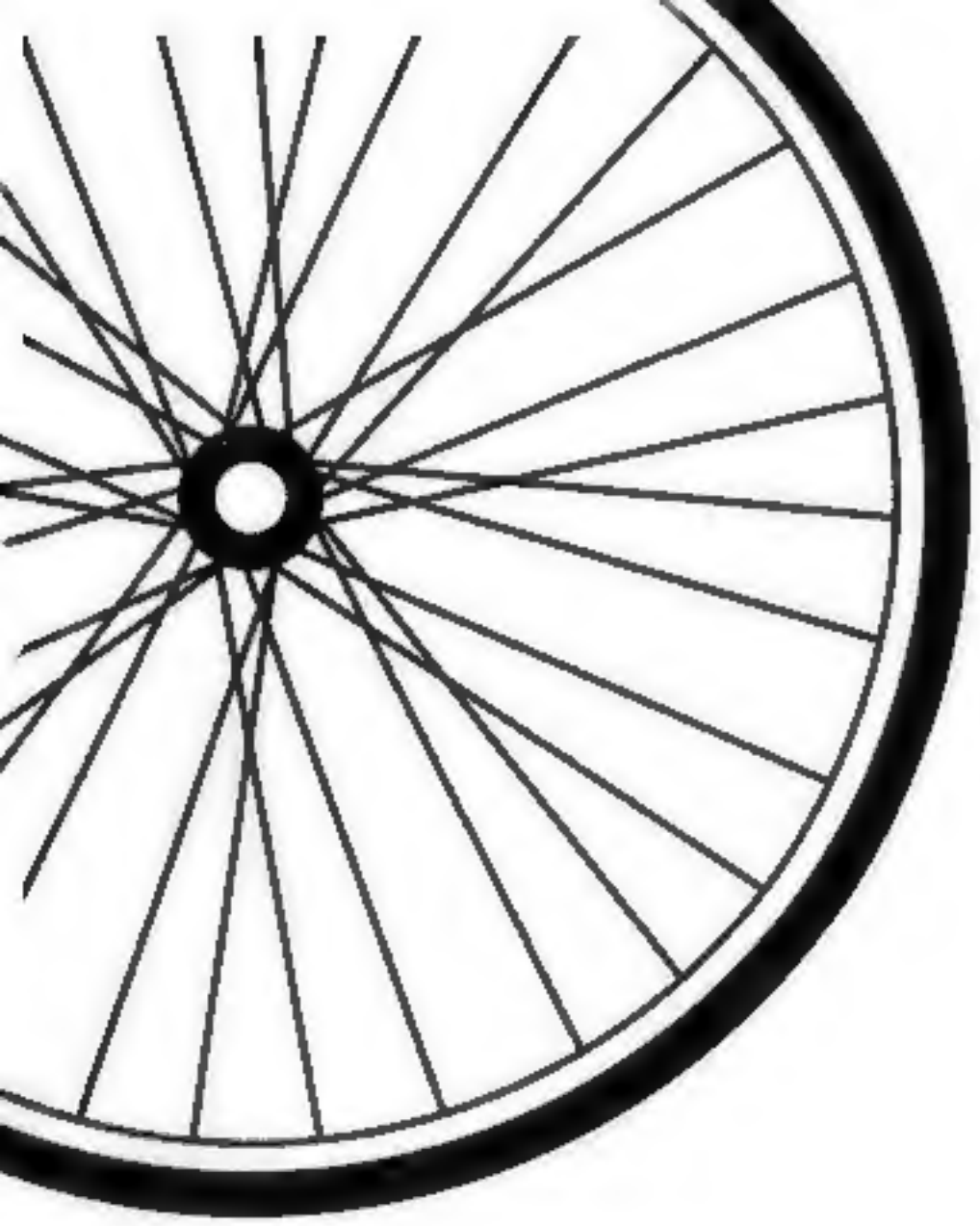
小野田坂道

愛車　クロモリのロードレーサー

ママチャリ（メーカー不明）

タイプ　高回転クライマー

ママチャリで激坂を登り、往復90kmの秋葉原への道のりを毎週欠かさず通うアニメ好きの高校生。自分に可能性があるのなら、と自転車競技部に入部する。



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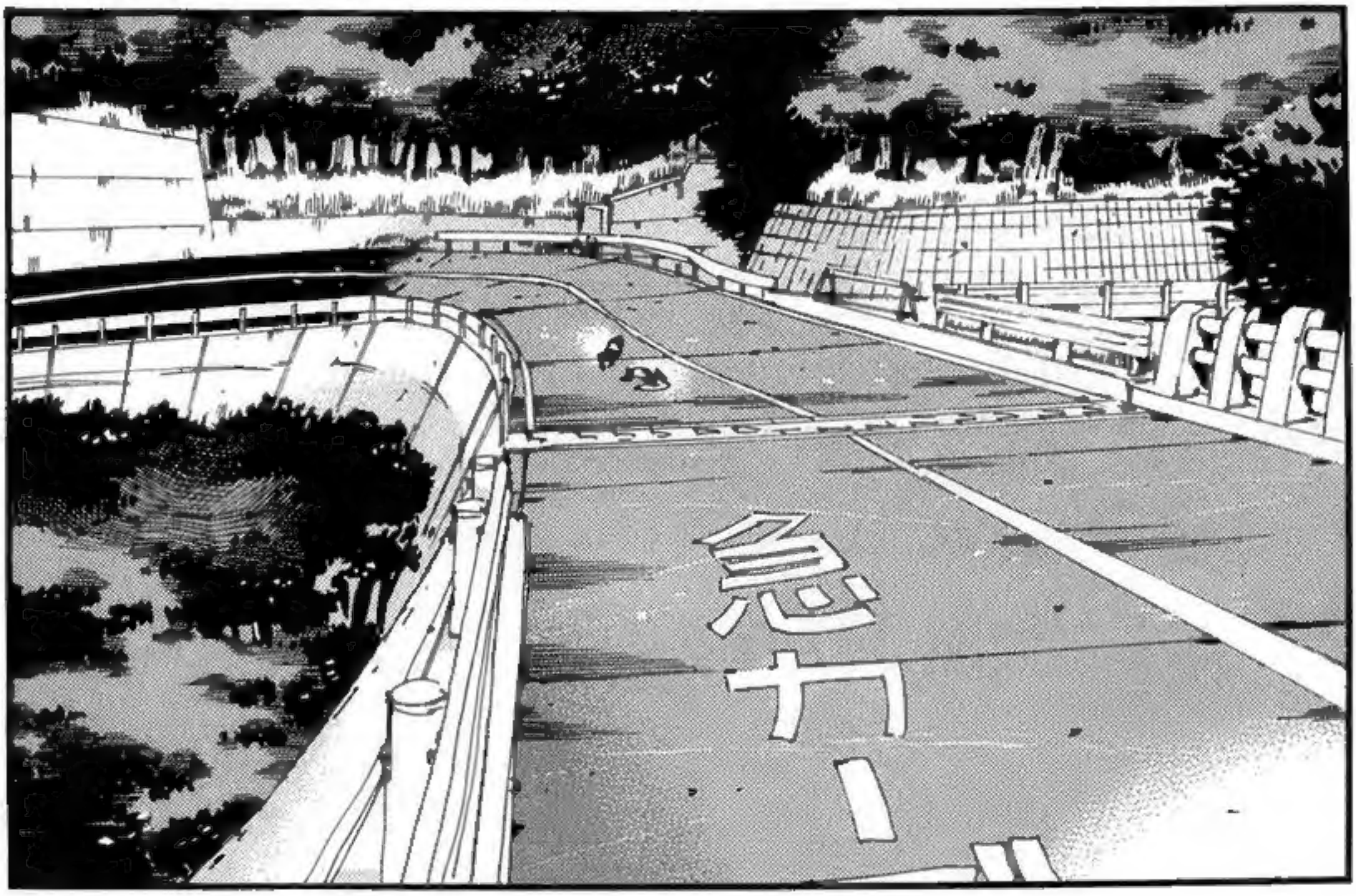

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SOHOKU

I AM ...

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THE ACE ...!

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...

I AM

SOHOKU

TREK

IN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD POSITIONS, HAKONE GAKUEN!!

ARRIVEE

SUBARU

THEY'VE DOMINATED THE TOP THREE POSITIONS, LEAVING THE REST FAR BEHIND!

IT'S ONLY DAY 2! HAKONE GAKUEN IS GOING STRONG!

SUBARU

SUBARU

SUBARU

SUBARU

I WILL NOT

SOHOKU

SOHOKU

GIVE UP ...!!

ライド

RIDE.70 UTTER DEFEAT

IN 29TH POSITION, SHIMANE HIGH.

FOLLOWING UP, WE HAVE-

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HAA

HAA

KUROKI

SOUHOKU
総北高校
SOUHOKU

KINJOU OF SOUHOKU HIGH, 69TH PLACE-

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KINJOU ...

GET KOGA HERE RIGHT NOW...

HAA HAA

GET KOGA ...

THE RIGHT GEAR SHIFTER AND WHEEL ARE DAMAGED ...

WE WERE SURROUNDED BY A GROUP, SO WE DIDN'T SEE YOU...

I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN FRONT OF US...

DID YOU FALL!?

ARE YOU OKAY?

ANY INJURIES!?

HE PROBABLY LOST STAMINA BECAUSE OF THE HEAT-

HE WAS IN FIRST PLACE FOR A WHILE, SO SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED!

HEY!!

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY!?

STOP WORRYING ABOUT YOUR BICYCLE!

WHAT HAPPENED?

I COULDN'T FULFILL MY RESPONSI-BILITY AS THE ACE.

I'M SORRY.

.....

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT IF YOU GOT CAUGHT UP IN AN ACCIDENT!

I'LL APOLOGIZE TO THE SENIORS LATER.

YES. IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY.

.....

ARE YOU GOING ALONE ...?

I'M SORRY ...

DAMN IT!!

NO...

TADOKO-ROCCHI!

JUST BECAUSE OF AN ACCIDENT!!

I'M VERY SORRY.

WE WORKED SO HARD!

WE PRACTICALLY STAKED OUR LIVES!

I WAS SO SURE WE WOULD MAKE IT!

AND NOW IT'S ALL GONE,

AND CAUSED THAT ACCIDENT.

I WAS THE ONE WHO PULLED HIM OFF HIS BIKE,

I'M VERY SORRY.

I REACHED OUT ON INSTINCT.

BUT WHEN I SAW KINJOU OVERTAK-ING ME,

I'M AWARE THAT I'VE DONE A TERR BLE THING.

BASTARD! YOU'RE FROM HAKOGAKU!

AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO WAS IN FRONT WITH KINJOU?!

IS TO BLAME.

ONLY MY WEAKNESS,

IT WAS THE LAST 2KM...

IT'S ALL YOUR DAMN FAULT!

SHOKU

高速自転車競

WHAT IS IT?

A FIGHT?

I'M VERY SORRY.

HAA

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HAA

HAA

TADOKO-ROCCHI!

I KNOW IT WON'T AMOUNT TO AN APOLOGY,

BUT I WILL WITHDRAW FROM THE RACE TOMORROW.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING!

WOULD YOU DO ANYTHING TO WIN?!

IS THAT HAKOGAKU'S POLICY?

FOR US,

ON OUR TEAM ...

THIS IS A RACE ...!

YOU GUYS PULL DIRTY TRICKS LIKE THIS WHEN NO ONE'S LOOKING, EH!?

WE ONLY HAVE ONE ACE ON OUR TEAM!

WE AREN'T LIKE YOU BLESSED HAKOGAKU BASTARDS!

WE CAN'T CHANGE WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

SOHOKU

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HOKU

THAT'S ENOUGH, TADOKORO.

IN ORDER TO WIN, WE HAD TO SACRIFICE SO MUCH...

WAIT! ARE YOU PLANNING ON CONTINUING THE RACE,

!

WITH THOSE INJU-RIES!?

IS PROPER BIKE MAINTE-NANCE,

AND TO GET ENOUGH REST FOR TOMOR-ROW.

WHAT WE SHOULD DO NOW,

EVEN THE SMALLEST STEP COUNTS TOWARDS THE GOAL.

EVEN IF WE DON'T WIN THIS TIME,

THAT ONE SMALL STEP,

WILL DEFINITELY

MEAN SOMETHING IN FUTURE.

I WILL NOT GIVE UP...

NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME IT'LL TAKE, EVEN IF I HAVE TO WAIT A YEAR...

THEN IT'S THE SAME AS LOSING.

THAT'S WHY I WON'T GIVE UP.

AND NO ONE KNOWS WHO WILL WIN,

WE SETTLE THINGS IN A ROAD RACE,

UNTIL THE VERY END!!

IF I DON'T KEEP MOVING FORWARD,

ONLY ON THE ROAD.

HE'S A TRUE ACE ...!

SOUHOKU TO VICTORY!!

BECAUSE I WILL LEAD,

THAT PRESSURE I FELT BACK THEN...

HIS STRENGTH OF WILL!

THAT WAS...

HE'S STRONG ...!

HE'S MUCH STRONGER THAN ME...

KINJOU SHINGO...

I KNEW I WAS GOING TO LOSE.

BACK THEN, WHEN I REACHED OUT WITH MY RIGHT HAND...

THAT WAS ME ACTING ON INSTINCT...

MY INJURIES HAVE HEALED...

.....

FOR WE ARE...

WE WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS THIS YEAR...

STRONG!!

RIDE:71 INTER-HIGHS

FUJISAWA IN THE KANAGAWA PREFECTURE

THE LOCATION IS ENOSHIMA

IS A LIVELY TOWN BUSTLING WITH TOURIST ACTIVITY.

THIS LITTLE ISLAND, FOUND ALONG THE SAGAMI COASTLINE,

THIS IS THE STARTING POINT.

AND FOR THE SUMMER INTER-HIGHS,

神奈川県観光協会

SUBARU

START

RIDE.71 INTER-HIGHS

ライド

GOING THE WAY

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大会のため

全国高等学校総合体育大会　神奈川県大会
自転車ロードレース

how about some ice cream!

ice cream!

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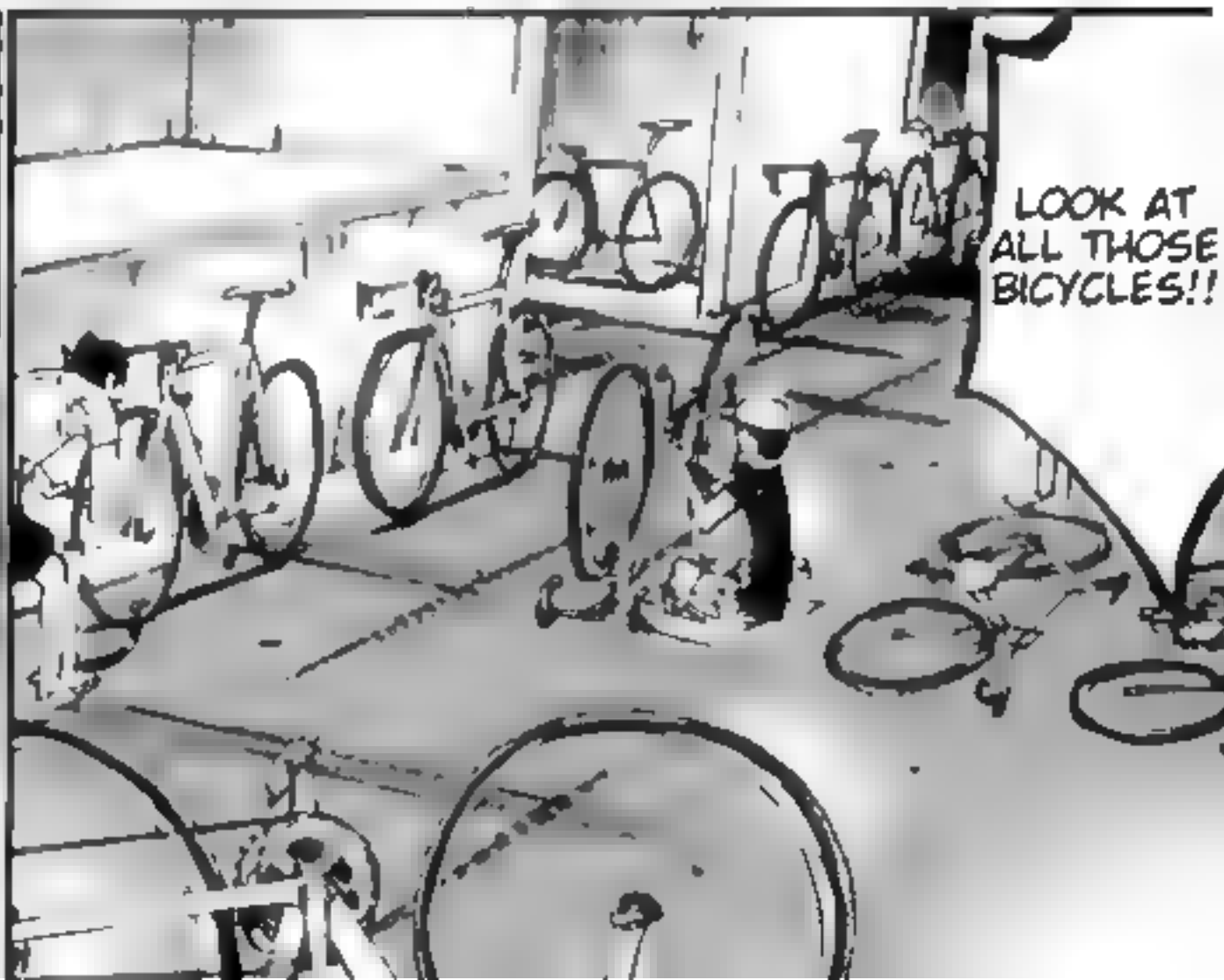
octopus crackers from enoshima!

THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE!!
SCOUTS
SCOUTS

IS THIS A FESTIVAL!?


LOOK AT ALL THOSE BICYCLES!!

CALM DOWN, ONODA-KUN.

LOOK, THERE'S EVEN A STAGE OVER THERE!

ARE YOU LISTEN-ING, ONODA-KUN?

EARTH TO ONODA!

THERE'S 120 OF THEM...

DO I EVEN STAND A CHANCE ...?

CALM DOWN!

THAT GUY LOOKS TOUGH!!

IT'S HIS FIRST TIME AT A MAJOR RACE, AFTER ALL!

HE WAS FINE TILL HE GOT OFF THE BUS...

UWAA..!

PHEW! IT'S REALLY HOT TODAY!

IT'S LIKE A SAUNA HERE!

WE'RE ALL COMPETING UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS!

GAHAHA! THIS IS NOTHING!

IT'S GOING TO BE,

A DIFFICULT RACE.

YOU CAN JUST CONCENTRATE ON THE RACE, TADOKORO-SAN!!

WE'LL PROVIDE SUPPORT FROM THE FEED ZONES!

ドン

I'M COUNTING ON YOU BOTH!

I'VE NEVER PRACTICED TAKING SUPPLIES WHILE ON A BIKE BEFORE!

HUH?!

HEY! ONODA-KUN!!

LET'S GO GET OUR REGISTRA-TION NUMBERS!

LET'S GO!

THAT'S SOMEONE'S COACH!

THERE'S NO WAY A HIGH SCHOOLER LIKE THAT EXISTS!!

THAT GUY LOOKS TOUGH TOO!!

DON'T WORRY! YOU CAN TRUST TESHIMA-SAN!!

WHAT IF I DROP THE BOTTLE OR MUSETTE!?

保

STAY CALM, ONODA-KUN!

I'M GOING TO DROP IT FOR SURE...

YOU'LL BE FINE!!

YOU ONLY START WORRYING ABOUT THOSE THINGS,

AFTER YOU GET ON THE BIKE.

AT THIS INTER-HIGH,

DID YOU FORGET ?

WE ARE... GOING TO,

MOTIVA-TION...

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T LOSE YOUR MOTIVATION, YOU CAN RECOVER THAT TIME LOSS.

IF YOU DROP THE BOTTLE,

THEN JUST PICK IT UP.

TAKE THE TOP SPOT,

RIGHT?

AND,

LET'S GO!

YES!

WE'RE GOING TO WIN TOGETHER!

YES!!

Y,

I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO.

I HAVE TO GIVE THIS BACK TO MANAMI-KUN!

SHIMANO

Strike

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE BUS LEFT WITHOUT ME!

THEY'RE GOING TO BE SO MAD...

I BET THE CEREMONY HAS STARTED ALREADY ...

HUH? YOU SURE DON'T LOOK LIKE ONE.
BUT I AM A PARTICIPANT!
I'M SORRY, BUT WE CAN'T LET NON-PARTICIPANTS BEYOND THIS POINT.
サイクルロードレース

HAKONE GAKUEN !?

I'M THE SIXTH MEMBER OF HAKONE GAKUEN.
DOLPHIN

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HM?
DO THESE NUMBERS MEAN SOME-THING?
+!..

IT'S A NUMBER TAG...!!
IT'S SO COOL!
THERE ARE PINS IN THAT BAG.
YOU PIN IT TO THE BACK OF YOUR JERSEY.

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171

THAT'S YOUR NUMBER IN THE TEAM.

THE RIGHT-MOST DIGIT RUNS FROM 1 TO 6.

WELL, YES.

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YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE ACES OF EACH SCHOOL.

ALL NUMBERS WHICH END WITH 1 BELONG TO THE ACES.

ACES...!

KINJOU IS 1.

SOHOKU

171

AND THESE NUMBERS,

ARE THE FINISHING POSITIONS OF THE PREVIOUS INTER-HIGH.

YES. THE RACE IS DOWN TO 20 SCHOOLS NOW, SO WE HAVE NUMBERS UP TO THE 200S.

AH! THAT MEANS THE FIRST TWO DIGITS REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL, RIGHT?

MY NUMBER IS 3, AND TADOKORO IS 2.

SO THAT MEANS THEY ARE THE STRONGEST...

171

WELL, NOT ALL THE SAME SCHOOLS GET INTO THE INTER-HIGHS EVERY YEAR, SO IT'S NOT AN EXACT RANKING.

THAT'S WHY WE GOT 170.

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE DIDN'T DO SO WELL.

BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT IS FOR SURE...

KANK

THEY'RE HERE!!

KANAGAWA

THAT'S LAST YEAR'S VICTOR...

IT'S THAT JERSEY!

LOOK!

WHOA ...

THE AIR AROUND THEM IS DIFFER-ENT...

SINGLE-DIGIT TEAM!

THE ONLY...

IT'S A SIGN OF THEIR STRENGTH...

.....

HAKOGAKU ...!

IT'S HAKOGAKU!

JUMP

EH?

HUH?

HE'S NOT THERE ...

CAN YOU WAIT FOR A MOMENT? I'M TRYING TO CONTACT HQ...

CAN'T YOU JUST LET ME THROUGH?

HE'S STILL AT THE ENTRANCE.

MANAMI-KUN!!

RIDE.72 THE OTHER REUNION

ライド

LET'S WELCOME THEM ON STAGE!

THE SINGLE-DIGIT NUMBERS ARE PROOF OF THEIR VICTORY!

THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM US 2 AND 3 DIGIT TEAMS...

LOOK AT THEIR NUMBERS...

IT'S HAKOGAKU!

THEIR AURA IS REALLY SOMETHING ELSE...

ALL SIX OF THEIR TEAM!

THEY'RE ALL SINGLE DIGITS!

THE WINNERS OF THE PREVIOUS INTER-HIGHS, REPRESENTATIVE OF KANAGAWA, THE HAKONE GAKUEN TEAM!

IT'S PROOF THAT THEY'RE THE STRONGEST!

PHEW,

箱根学園

KANAGAWA

THE VICTORS, HAKOGAKU!!

IT'S HAKOGAKU!!

YOU'RE LATE!

MADE IT!

ライド

RIDE.72 THE OTHER REUNION

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THOSE GIRLS ARE TOTALLY CHECKING ME OUT.

MAN,

SHUT UP! SHE'S JUST BEING SHY!

THEN SHE TURNED AWAY IN DISGUST, RIGHT?

SEE THAT GIRL IN THE DRESS OVER THERE? SHE'S LOOKING.

THEY'RE LOOKING AT ME, STANDING ON STAGE.

THEY'RE JUST LOOKING AT THE STAGE.

I HEARD THAT GUY WITH THE CREW CUT IS A SECOND YEAR.

HE'S ONLY A SECOND YEAR!?

!!

WAIT,

YOU MEAN NUMBER 6?

THAT GUY ON THE LEFT!

HE'S IZUMIDA! I'VE SEEN HIS NAME AT SEVERAL RACES IN KANTO!

WITH ALL THAT COMPETITION IN HAKOGAKU, MAKING IT ON THE TEAM IN HIS SECOND YEAR IS REALLY SOMETHING.

WHY IS HE THE ONLY ONE NOT WEARING RACING PANTS?

箱根学園

HAKONE GAKUEN

WHAT!?

IS HE STANDING IN FOR SOMEONE!?

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME MISTAKE...

HUH!?

HE'S A FIRST YEAR!

WOULD IT KILL YOU TO BE ON TIME!?

I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO CHANGE MY PANTS...

HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO THE BEACH...

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KINJOU!!

FUKUTOMI!

LET US HAVE A WORD FROM THEM REGARDING THIS YEAR'S INTER-HIGHS!

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EX,

EXCUSE ME...

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SHIMANO
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"
I'M HERE!
MANAMI-KUN!!

あはははは!

I'M HERE!

YOU MADE IT! SAKAMICHI-KUN!!

WHAT WAS THAT?

AH, UH... I TAKE IT THAT YOU MEANT RIDING UP A HILL?

I MADE IT TOO!

WELL, MOVING ON...

WHERE...

WHERE IS HE?

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER I AM THERE OR NOT.

THE OPENING CEREMONY IS JUST FOR SHOW.

TO SETTLE THINGS WITH YOU!!

I'VE COME TO THE INTER-HIGHS...

SOHOKU

THIS BIKE!

!

HE'S DEFINITELY SOMEWHERE...

...NO, THAT'S NOT HIS.

IT DOES LOOK SIMILAR...

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RIGHT HERE!

I'LL DO MY BEST.

I'VE TRAINED HARD,

FOR THIS DAY.

DURING THAT RACE, HE PUT 5 MINUTES BETWEEN US IN THE SPAN OF 3 SLOPES.

I HAVE NEVER MET WITH SUCH EMBAR-RASSMENT.

AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR MY REVENGE...

MIDOUSUJI!!!

ZENKU

STRONGER PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY!

I'M BACK.

WHICH SCHOOL ARE YOU FROM?

HELLO!

HELLO

AND NOW, LET'S HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE!

!!

!!

KYOTO .. KYOTO FUSHIMI.

WHERE IS HE...

AH, IT'S THE BASTARD-IZUMI! WHERE DID YOU GO?

KANZAKI

THAT'S MIDOUSUJI'S SCHOOL...

HUH!?

NOPE, IT'S MINE.

IS THIS YOUR FRIEND'S?

ISN'T THIS BIKE A LITTLE TOO SMALL FOR YOUR HEIGHT?

DE ROSA

GIANT

!!

SO IT'S A LOT LIGHTER.

A SMALLER FRAME USES LESS MATERIALS,

WOULDN'T A LARGER BIKE BE EASIER FOR YOUR PHYSIQUE?

IT'S FINE THE WAY IT IS.

THAT'S... A VERY UNIQUE STYLE...

IF I STRETCH OUT ON A HIGH SADDLE AND USE THE DROPS,

IT FITS JUST RIGHT.

91

DE ROSA

DE ROSA

GIVE ME THAT.

EH?

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THIS INTER-HIGH?

MINIMALIZING WEIGHT.

WELL, IT'S JUST ...

京白
狭間
TAKUETSU
KAMAKURA
TAKUETSU
91
91

HE JUMPED ON THE STAGE!
WAS THERE SUCH A GUY IN KYO-FUSHI?
HE'S HUGE!

ALL I HAVE TO SAY IS,

WE'RE GONNA CRUSH YOU,

HAKOGAKU.

THIS INTER-HIGH IS NOTHING BUT A STEPPING STONE.

MIDOUSUJI AKIRA-KUN.

JUST REMEMBER THAT.

WHAT!?

HE'S STANDING SO CLOSE!

WITH HAKO-GAKU!?

IS HE PICK-ING A FIGHT ?

I AM NUMBER 91,

KYOTO FUSHIMI FIRST YEAR,

AH, IT'S THAT GUY FROM CHIBA.

MIDOUSUJI!!

WEAKZUMI-KUN!

ライド

RIDE.73 MIDOUSUJI

I REMEMBER YOU!

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.

HARD-WORK-ING AS USUAL, EH?

MIDOU-SUJI!!

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PU PU PU

PU PU PU!

WEAKZUMI-KUN!

RIDE.73 MIDOUSUJI

ライド

JUST REMEMBERING THAT LAST RACE MAKES ME LAUGH!

SORRY!

IMAI-ZUMI--KUN..!

WHAT'S WITH THAT KYOTO DUDE?

YOU KNOW HIM?

TO TELL YOU THAT!

I WILL DEFEAT YOU IN A FAIR FIGHT!

I'M JUST HERE,

IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.

SHALL I TELL EVERYONE ABOUT IT?

THAT RACE BACK THEN..

IT WAS SO FUNNY!

WHAT WAS THAT!?

PU-PU-PU-PU!

THAT FACE OF YOURS WAS SO CREEPY! CREEPY!

CREEPY!

IT'S THAT SAME FACE YOU MADE BACK THEN!

!?

CREEPY!

CREEPY!

WHAT ...

CREEPY!

CREEPY!

CREEPY!

THAT'S BECAUSE...

WASN'T IT BECAUSE WEAKIZUMI-KUN LOST TO ME BY A 5 MINUTE AND 7 SECOND GAP?

YOUR CADENCE FELL SO MUCH YOU DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO CATCH UP TO ME, SO YOU ONLY HAVE YOUR LEGS TO BLAME!

YOU KNOW WHAT WE CALL THAT?

WERE YOU TRYING TO MAKE IT MY FAULT? THAT'S UNJUSTIFIED!

OR ARE YOU ONLY CAPABLE OF THINKING LIKE A GRADE SCHOOLER?

CREEPY!

UGH!

ZUHIIII

OPPS!

PHEW!

THAT WAS CLOSE!

PU PU!

BUT COME ON,

IN THE MIDDLE OF A RACE,

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

IF SOMEONE TOLD YOU THAT YOUR MOM DIED,

WENT CRYING TO YOUR MOMMY, DIDN'T YOU?

IT SEEMS THAT SHE GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT.

IT'S TRUE! THE STAFF WERE LOOKING FOR YOU!

NUMBER 472!

YOUR MOM WAS CALLING YOUR NAME...

THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF YOUR RESOLVE, WEAKZUMI-KUN!

PU PU PU

BUT YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT THAT MEANS,

RIGHT?

THAT WAS SO FUNNY!

AND THEN YOU LOST SPEED BIT BY BIT...

EVEN IF MY MOM DIED,

I WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN UP ON THE RACE!

MIDOUSUJI!

WEAKZUMI-KUN!

SHUT UP!

IMAI-ZUMI,

IS DIFFER-ENT FROM YOU!

HE'LL SHOW YOU-

WE SHOULD SETTLE THINGS ON OUR BIKES.

AS ROAD RACERS,

LET'S GO, CLOWNS.

I GET IT.

OH, FINE.

ON THE ROAD.

WE'LL MEET AGAIN.

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EEP!

THEY SEEM LIKE AN ABNOR-MAL BUNCH

THAT'S KYOTO FUSHIMI!

THEY'RE LIKE SOLDIERS NOW...

HM...

THEY SEEMED MORE OF A RELAXED BUNCH BACK THEN...

WAIT, KYO-FUSHI WERE AROUND LAST YEAR TOO, WEREN'T THEY?

AND HE'S A THIRD YEAR...

EH...?

THAT'S MIDOUSUJI...

I RACED WITH THAT NUMBER 92 LAST YEAR...

HIS NAME IS ISHIGAKI,

DID HE JUST CALL THEM CLOWNS?

I'M SUR-PRISED HAKOGAKU DIDN'T RETALIATE.

BUT ISN'T MIDOUSUJI JUST A FRESHMAN?

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I KNOW THEIR FACES!

THE GUY IN FRONT IS YOKOYAMA FROM THIRD YEAR!

DOES THAT MEAN KYOTO FUSHIMI...

HAS A FIRST-YEAR FOR AN ACE!?

ROAD RACING IS TRULY THE BEST SPORT...

FUFUFU, ON THE ROAD, HUH.

ANYTHING GOES!!

ON THE ROAD,

RIGHT!

YOU ...

WENT A LITTLE TOO FAR BACK THERE.

WHA?

HEY, MIDOUSUJI ...

SHOW SOME SPORTS-MANSHIP!

ROAD RACING IS A SPORT, SO YOU SHOULD AT LEAST,

BUT!

GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

HMMMM-MMMM.

THAT FRESHMAN IS FIGHTING WITH HIS SENIOR!

THEY'RE FIGHT-ING!

WHY ARE YOU ADDRESSING ME SO CASUALLY?

YOU JUST NEED TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS.

ALL I NEED YOU TO DO IS TO WORK YOUR ASS OFF FOR ME.

I'M THE ACE OF YOUR TEAM.

IF THIS WAS AN ARMY, I'D BE YOUR COM-MANDER.

THEN,

AND IF YOU MANAGE TO DO THAT,

IT'S MIDOUSUJI-KUN TO YOU.

I WILL GUARANTEE OUR SCHOOL'S...

VICTORY!

MIDOUSUJI-KUN...

I UNDER-STAND...

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HE HASN'T CHANGED ...

THAT MIDOUSUJI...

HUH?

THAT'S GREAT ...

ARE YOU OKAY?

UM, IMAIZUMI-KUN!

I WILL RACE HIM HERE,

AND...

I DIDN'T MANAGE TO TELL HIM THIS...

BUT THIS IS FINE!

I WAS WORRIED IF HE WAS GOING TO REGRET WHAT HE DID...

THIS IS WHAT I'VE HOPED FOR, MIDOUSUJI!

DEFEAT HIM!

I WILL,

I HATE PEOPLE WHO TALK BIG EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE WEAK.

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RIDE.74 CALM BEFORE THE STORM

KINJOU-SAN HAS TWO BOTTLES ...

AND THIS IS FOR TADOKORO-SENPAI...

5 ENERGY BARS AND 5 PACKS OF JELLY...

MAKISHIMA-SENPAI REQUESTED FOR THE SPECIAL MIX AND THREE ENERGY BARS...

AND WE'RE DONE!

LET'S GO! THE RACE IS STARTING!

IT SURE IS HOT TODAY...

AND PRAYERS.

HOPES,

RIVALRY,

THE AIR IS THICK WITH ANXIETY,

EVEN BEFORE THE START.

YOU CAN FEEL THE TENSION AND EXCITEMENT...

AS ALL THE COMPETITORS LINE UP...

COME TOGETHER,

THE SMELL OF SWEAT, RUBBER AND OIL,

IT'S LIKE THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM...

HOLDING ALL THESE,

AND AMBITION,

PASSION,

SILENCE,

CLOSE TO THEIR HEART,

THE RACE WILL START SOON.

ALL PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE ASSEMBLE BEHIND THE STARTING LINE.

THE INTER-HIGHS!

THE BIGGEST RACE IN THE HEAT OF SUMMER-

5 MINUTES TO THE START-

SUBARU

START

RIDE.74 CALM BEFORE THE STORM

ライド

先導車
審判車

ドミトロフスポ

SHOGYO

GUREMIO

WE CAN SEE BETTER FROM THERE!

WHAT NUMBER WAS THE YAMAGUCHI REPRESENTATIVE SCHOOL AGAIN?

THEY'RE A FLASHY LOT!

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SORRY FOR THE WAIT!

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I'VE BROUGHT YOUR DRINKS AND FOOD SUPPLIES.

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THANK YOU.

THANKS! WOW, IT'S COLD!

YES.

IS THIS MINE?

I'LL TAKE THE EMPTY BOT-TLES.

EVERYONE, PLEASE DO YOUR BEST!

WE'VE PREPARED ENOUGH FOR THEM TOO!

HOW ABOUT THE FIRST YEARS?

SOHOKU

ARE THEY LOOKING AT ME...?

THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE...

really?

ahaha!

OH...

Y, YES...

HE ALWAYS GETS NERVOUS BEFORE A RACE, SO JUST LET HIM BE.

THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO FEEL NERVOUS...

I MUST CONCENTRATE ON THE GOAL!

CALM DOWN, ME!

SORRY NARUKO-KU-

WHA!?

WAA!

WARGH!

I NEED TO BREATHE IN DEEPLY!

IT SEEMS THAT THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS ARE WORRIED FOR YOU...

I, I'M SORRY!

WAAA!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

CAN YOU STAND?

DO YOUR BEST!

AH, SORRY. YOU ARE? HAHA!

I'M SORRY!

HE'S SO SMALL

SO I'LL BE FINE!

I'M AIMING FOR THE SUMMIT!

DON'T WORRY!

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

FUU...

GUESS HE'S FEELING BETTER AFTER FALLING DOWN ONCE.

IT'LL BE EASIER WITH A LIGHTER LOAD!

THERE ARE TWO BOTTLES, SO TRY TO FINISH AT LEAST HALF BEFORE YOU GO ON THE SLOPES.

THANKS!

HERE'S YOURS, ONODA-KUN!

THESE ARE WATER AND FOOD SUPPLIES.

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GOT IT.

YES.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

.....

I'M STILL NERVOUS,

BUT I'M STARTING TO GET EXCITED, TOO...

I'VE CALMED DOWN A LITTLE.

AKI-EDA

BECAUSE NOW, I CAN RIDE WITH EVERYONE!!

SOHOKU

ALL NON-PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE LEAVE THE COURSE.

2 MINUTES LEFT.

YEAH.

IT'S STARTING.

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WE'RE COMING!

WATCH OUT, HAKOGAKU!

LET'S GO!!

GO!

YES!

ONE MORE MINUTE TO THE START!

A GOOD TEAM!

THEY REALLY MAKE

IT'S YOUR FIRST MAJOR RACE, THE INTER-HIGHS,

I'M JEALOUS OF YOU, ONODA-KUN.

AND YOU GET TO RIDE WITH THE BEST TEAMMATES YOU COULD HAVE.

ONODA-KUN, IMAIZUMI-KUN, NARUKO-KUN,

AND THE THIRD YEARS,

WITHOUT ANY OF THEM, THE TEAM WOULDN'T BE COMPLETE.

AND ENJOY YOURSELF!!

HAVE FUN,

IT'S THE BEST POSSIBLE SITUATION, SO, ONODA-KUN,

I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU TO DO YOUR BEST...

ONODA-KUN!

LISTEN!

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YOUR FIRST RACE ONLY HAPPENS ONCE IN YOUR LIFE!

YEAH!

START!

IT'S TIME TO SPIN THOSE PEDALS, ONODA-KUN!

YES!

RIDE.75 STARTING LINE

VOLKHAVOSHI PEDAL

MOM...!

EH?

I'LL BE AWAY FOR A COMPETITION!

FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS,

UM...

STARTING TOMOR-ROW...

BEST BOY

HUH

THERE ARE COMPETITIONS FOR ANIME?

I HEARD ON TV THAT CYCLING IS GOOD FOR HEALTH...

OH, I REMEMBER NOW! YOU WERE AWAY FOR A FEW DAYS JUST RECENTLY TOO, WEREN'T YOU?

I even signed the form!

I, IT'S A BICYCLE RACE! DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE?

I JOINED THE BICYCLE CLUB IN HIGH SCHOOL...

HM? RO? IS THAT FROM AN ANIME?

NO!

LIKE I SAID, IT'S A ROAD RACING CLUB! WE RIDE ON ROAD RACERS AND, UH, RACE!

UH, HAKONE...

WHERE I WILL YOU BE GOING?

SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE ...

CYCLING IN A COMPETI-TION?

sounds like fun.

LET'S TAKE A BREAK HERE.

LOOK, WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

箱根 10 KM

SOUNDS LIKE FUN...

OH, RIGHT!

REMEMBER THE PHOTO OF YOUR FRIENDS YOU SHOWED ME?

AH, UH...

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REMEMBER TO BUY ME A SOUVENIR!

WILL THEY BE GOING TOO?

THE REDHEAD, AND THE ONE WITH NARROW EYES!

YES!

YEAH!

I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT!

NARUKO-KUN...

IMAIZUMI-KUN...

MAKISHIMA-SAN,

TO BE ABLE TO LINE UP SIDE BY SIDE WITH YOU BOTH,

IS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!

THANK YOU!

CAPTAIN...

TADOKORO-SAN,

AND THAT FEELING WON'T CHANGE EVEN AFTER THE RACE BEGINS.

I'M SO HAPPY I GET TO RIDE WITH ALL THESE AMAZING PEOPLE!

SOHOKU

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS CHANCE!

YOU'LL HAVE TO SUPPORT THEM.

SO,

I'LL PEDAL AS HARD AS I CAN,

START!

THE KANAGAWA INTER-HIGHS, BOYS DIVISION, DAY 1,

TO FOLLOW YOU ALL!

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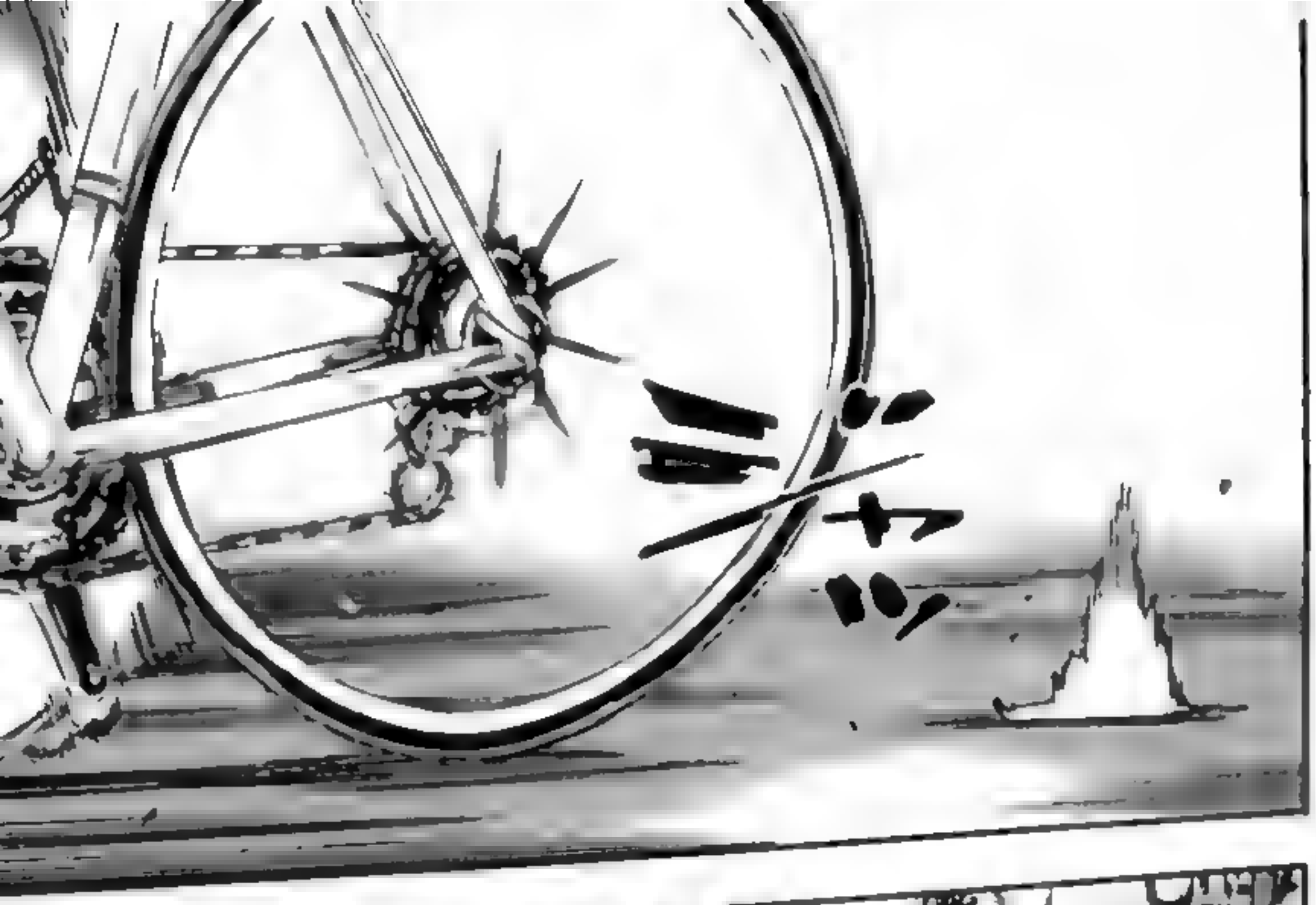

THEY'VE STARTED MOVING!

HEH HEH HEH! IT'LL BE OUR TURN SOON!

I CAN FEEL THE ANXIETY IN THE AIR!!

WHAT INTENSITY...!

I DID WARM UP PROPERLY,

BUT, MY, BODY ISN'T, MOVING AS USUAL...

UGH...

UM...

HUH?

IT'S PRICKLING MY SKIN!

AH, YES!

FOLLOW THE FLOW, ONODA-KUN!

SOHOKU

KANZAKI

OHOKU

KANZAKI

OHOKU

EVERYONE IS MOVING TOGETHER, LIKE A GIANT WAVE!

WHAT IS THIS?

I'M BEING PUSHED...

NO, PULLED FORWARD!

OHOKU

SO THIS IS WHAT A MAJOR RACE IS LIKE!

START

PARADE ?

PA.

THE FIRST 2KM IS JUST A PARADE.

HUH!?

DON'T SWEAT IT, ONODA.

IF EVERYONE STARTED GOING AT FULL SPEED RIGHT FROM THE START, THERE'S BOUND TO BE ACCIDENTS!

HEH HEH HEH!

IT'S JUST A SHOW FOR THE AUDIENCE BEFORE THE ACTUAL RACE.

REMEMBER THE TOUR DE FRANCE DVD I LENT YOU? THAT'S WHAT THEY DID AT THE START OF THE RACE TOO.

IT'S ONE HELL OF A COURSE FOR THE FIRST DAY...

THAT'LL BE 2KM AHEAD, AT THE SHONAN PARK BRIDGE.

WHEN IT COMES TO THE TRUE START, IT'S LIKE A DEATH-MATCH.

BUT...

SOHRIN

芦ノ湖

箱根町

小田原市

茅ヶ崎市

江ノ島

逗子市

START

DAY 1 GOAL

ESPECIALLY FOR CLIMBERS!

THE ROAD ALONG THE COAST IS MOSTLY FLAT!

FOR CLIMBERS, IT'S A RACE OF ENDURANCE TILL THE END.

THAT'S THE BATTLE-GROUND FOR US SPRINTERS.

THE RACE IS THREE DAYS LONG.

AND SURVIVE TILL THE END,

IF YOU KEEP PEDAL-LING,

I'LL...

BUT,

HANG IN THERE, ONODA-KUN!

!!

ENDUR-ANCE!

GOAL

FOR ALL THREE DAYS,

PEDAL SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE BOTH OF YOU LIKE THIS,

SOHOKU

AND TAKE THE TOP POSITIONS TOGETHER!

BUT ...

THAT PLAN OF YOURS IS JUST AN IDEAL, A DREAM!

YOU'RE BEING NAIVE, AS USUAL.

LIKE I SAID, THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE VICTOR.

THE ONLY TIME I WANT TO SEE YOUR CRYING FACE IS AFTER WE MAKE THE GOAL, OKAY!

I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU CRY IF YOU'RE LEFT OUT!

FOR ONCE, I'M INCLUDED IN THOSE UNREALISTIC PLANS OF YOURS.

HAVING DREAMS,

IS A GOOD THING!

GOHAN

GOKU

GOKU

GOHAN

GOKU

GOKU

GOHAN

GOKU

GOKU

ALL THREE OF US!

WE'LL MAKE IT TO THE GOAL!

HUH?!

WHAT IS IT?

HM?

THAT JERSEY IS...!

BEFORE THAT, ONODA, MAKE SURE YOU SURVIVE TODAY.

IF SUNGLASSES FOUND OUT WE WERE AIMING FOR THE TOP POSITIONS, HE'LL GET ANGRY FOR SURE!

HAHA!

AND KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM THE SENIORS.

IT'S HAKOGAKU!!

SAKAMICHI-KUN!

WHAT'S HE DOING BACK HERE!?

NUMBER 6!

IT'S HAKOGAKU!

HEY,

HUH? WHA-

MANAMI-KUN!!

IT'S TIME TO SETTLE THIS!

I'LL SEE YOU AT THE MOUNTAIN!

AND THEN,

...!! YES!

LET'S HAVE AN ALL-OUT RACE AGAIN!!

RIDE.76 TOP SPRINTER!
ライド

I HAVE TO FIGHT!

IT'S TOO LATE TO TURN BACK.

KILL

THEY'RE PICKING UP SPEED ALREADY!

LOOK! THEY'RE HERE!

THAT'S THE TRUE START OF THE RACE!

NOT YET! IT ONLY BEGINS ONCE THEY'RE PAST THIS AREA!

IS RAISED!

WHEN THE FLAG,

FROM HERE ON,

THAT'S THEIR CUE!

ライド
RIDE.76 TOP SPRINTER!

THE RACE WILL ACCELERATE!!

IT'S ALMOST LIKE THEY HAVE AN ENGINE ATTACHED!!

WHOAA AA!

SHUNSE

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SCHOKU

SCHOKU

I CAN HEAR THE WIND!

I'VE NEVER FELT ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE...

THEY'RE PICKING UP SPEED!

IT'S FAST...!

SCHOKU

BUT...

IT'S PROBABLY THANKS TO THE SUMMER CAMP!

I THINK I CAN DO THIS!

EXCUSE US!

TADOKORO-SENPAI!

NARUKO-KUN...!!!

YOU BETTER NOT START BEFORE MY CUE!

I'M SO EXCITED, I'M GETTING A STOMACH-ACHE!

NOW IT'S OUR TURN!!

FLATS, FLATS AND MORE FLATS! IT'S A COURSE MADE JUST FOR ME!!

IT'S A 50KM STRETCH OF FLAT ROAD!

IT BEGINS, ONODA...

WATCH THE BEST SPRINTERS OF EVERY SCHOOL!

NOW...

NO, IT'S FOR ME!

SANRI
奈良山理学園
SANRI
SANRI
KAWAZAWA
MISAKI
MISAKI
SAKI
MISAKI
SPRINTERS...
DAIHI
DAIHI
USHIJIMA

IN ORDER TO WIN,

THEY HAVE TO BE THE STRONGEST!

IT'S NOT WORDS THAT WILL HELP THEM,

NOR LUCK.

THEY'RE A FLASHY AND STRAIGHTFOR-WARD BUNCH,

AND IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THEIR SKILL.

SUHUKU

SPRINTERS ARE POPULAR.

WHY?

WILL GIVE THEIR ALL TO TAKE THE LEAD!

FOR TODAY, ALL THE SPRINTERS,

JUST WATCH...! FOR THIS FIRST BATTLE,

WHOEVER TAKES THE LEAD...

IT'LL PUT PRESSURE ON THE OTHER TEAMS, AND THAT'LL BE TO THEIR ADVANTAGE!

ONCE THEY DO SO,

THE DIFFERENCE IN POWER WHEN THEY OVERTAKE THEM!

IT'S TO SHOW THOSE GUYS IN THE LEAD,

AN ADVANTAGE IN THE RACE...!!

A BUNCH OF THEM HAVE STARTED LEAVING THE GROUP BEHIND!!

HERE WE GO!

KANAZAWA MISAKI AND SANRI GAKUEN JOINS THE FRAY!

WHOA, THEY'RE FAST!!

DON'T CALL ME AN OLD MAN!!

CAN WE GO NOW, OLD MAN!?

WILL UNDOUBTLY BE THE BEST SPRINTER AMONG ALL!

WE NEED TO GIVE THEM A BIT OF A HANDICAP, TOO.

IT'LL JUST MAKE THE IMPACT GREATER!

ONLY WHEN THEY TURN AROUND THINKING THAT NO ONE ELSE IS GONNA COME...

NOT YET!

IS IT TIME YET?

COME ON!!

NARUKO SHOUKICHI!

IT'S MY TIME-
TO SHINE!

IT'S TIME, REDHEAD!

ORAA!

LET'S GO!

T, TWO OF THEM? SOUHOKU HAS TWO SPRINTERS!?

SOUHOKU LEAPS FORWARD, IN A SURPRISING LATE START!

WAS HE IN SOUHOKU!?

WAIT, WHO'S THAT RED-HEAD...?

THEY'RE ACCELERATING!!

ORAAAAA!!

KANZAKI

SOHOKU

ORA ORA ORA!

IT'S YOUR FIRST INTER-HIGH AFTER ALL.

ARE YOU NERVOUS?

箱根学園

PHEW...

FROM THE EXCITEMENT!

IZUMIDA.

IT FEELS LIKE MY CHEST IS GOING TO EXPLODE...

THIS FLAT COURSE IS COMPLETELY UNDER MY CONTROL!

I'LL LET ALL OF THEM GO AHEAD FIRST.

ライド

RIDE.77 RACE

THE RACE IS PICKING UP SPEED!

FOR REAL!?

SOME OF THEM ARE SPRINTING AHEAD ALREADY!?

サイクルロードレース大会のため

通行止

HAA

HAA

HAA

THE RACE HAS STAR TED!!

I'LL SEND YOU GUYS TO THE FEED ZONE!

DON'T WORRY, JUST GET ON QUICK!

SORRY FOR THE WAIT!

MANZAKI CYCLE SHOP

BUT IT SUCKS THAT WE DON'T GET TO SEE THE RACE.

IT'S NICE THAT WE GET A RIDE TO THE FEED ZONE,

TO HELP OUT THE TEAM,

DON'T WORRY!

IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S A CAMERA FOLLOW-ING THE RACERS LIKE IN THOSE BIG RACES TOO...

you aren't here to have fun

LIKE WHO'S IN THE LEAD, AND HOW WELL OUR SCHOOL IS DOING...

THE SENSOR YOU SAW AT THE STARTING LINE,

IS PLACED AT 15KM INTERVALS!

AND POSITIONS ARE RECORDED AT REGULAR INTERVALS!

AT THE INTER-HIGHS, THE COURSE IS BROKEN UP INTO SMALLER PARTS,

中間リザルト（第□計測ポイント）
PRELIMINARY RESULTS (CHECKPOINT NO.:__)

1位	高等学校	選手	
2位	高等学校	選手	
3位	高等学校	選手	
4位	高等学校	選手	
5位	高等学校	選手	
6位	高等学校	選手	
7位	高等学校	選手	

WHEN THE PARTICIPANTS PASS ONE OF THOSE POINTS, THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS ARE RECORDED!

THE PARTICIPANTS ARE ALSO NOTIFIED, TOO!

THAT'S AWESOME!!

WOW!

THAT MEANS WE CAN FOLLOW THE RACE BY LOOKING AT THAT!

AND GIVES YOU AN ADVANTAGE OVER THE COURSE!

IT'LL ALSO LOWER THE OTHER SCHOOLS' MORALE,

A TEAM'S STRATEGY CAN CHANGE FROM LOOKING AT THOSE RESULTS.

THE BEST ...

AND-STRAT-EGY!

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THE STRATEGY!

THAT'S WHY THE FIRST PART OF THE RACE IS A BATTLE BETWEEN THE BEST SPRINTERS.

AND IF YOU TAKE THE TOP POSITION AT THE VERY FIRST CHECKPOINT, IT CAN BE A HUGE PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST.

KAWAZAWA

MISHIMA

SHIZUKA

BUT TO THEM,

THEY'RE PEDALLING FOR THE TEAM.

AND AT THE SAME TIME, FOR THEMSELVES.

HUH!?

USING THEIR INSTINCTS AND STRATEGY, THEY ARE ALL AIMING FOR THE TOP.

TO SPRINTERS, SPEED IS EVERYTHING,

AND ALL THEY WANT,

IS TO BE FASTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE.

AT THE LAST FEW MILLI-SECONDS,

THAT LAST PUSH,

CAN GET THEM TO A BETTER POSITION.

THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR A TITLE.

FOR... THEM-SELVES?

CHASING THE OPPO-NENTS BEFORE THEM,

PUSHING FORWARD BY A METER, OR BY A FEW CENTIME-TERS...

UHYAAA!

THEY'RE SO FAST!!

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IT'S A RACE FOR THE TITLE OF 'FASTEST' AND 'STRONGEST'!

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RIDE.77 RACE!

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HA-
HA!

HEH
HEH
HEH!

SHUT UP! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY BEHIND ME, REDHEAD!

YOU'RE IN THE WAY, FAT OLD MAN!

DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF! THAT'S MY JOB!

AND FOR THE TEAM!

YOU CAN LEAVE IT TO ME! I'LL TAKE THE TOP POSITION FOR YOU!

THE ONE WHO WILL HAVE HIS NAME ON THE TOP OF THE FIRST RESULT LIST-

IS ME!

IS ME!

I DON'T THINK SO.

HUH!?

I WONDER IF THEY'RE GETTING ALONG FINE..

THEY'RE ALMOST GONE FROM SIGHT...

.....

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SOHO

KANZAKI

HELLLL

THEY'RE USING HIM TO PULL THE GUY BEHIND ALONG SO HE CAN DASH AHEAD AT THE VERY LAST MOMENT!!

IT'S THE HUMAN BULLET TRAIN, TADOKORO!

THEY SENT TWO SPRINTERS!?

THAT RAGING BULL!

IT'S SOUHOKU FROM CHIBA!!

THAT JERSEY ...!

WAIT, THERE'S TWO...?!

WHO'S THE OLD MAN!?

YOU'RE AN OLD MAN ANYWAY!

WHAT!?

SHUT UP AND BEHAVE LIKE AN ADULT!

NO, YOU!

MOVE OVER!

HOW DID THEY...

OR IS THAT SOME KIND OF STRATEGY!?

THEY'RE JUST IDIOTS!

MORE IMPORTANTLY,

KANAZAWA MISAKO

THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT IN THEIR PLANS!

CATCH UP SO FAST FROM BEHIND !?

ORA!

ORA AAA

THEY'RE CATCHING UP!

MOVE!

THEY'RE COMING IN FAST!!

WHAT ARE THEY!?

MOVE!!

MOVE!!

I SEE!

IS THIS FOR REAL!?

WHY ARE THEY PEDAL-LING SIDE BY SIDE ANYWAY!?

SHIT!

THEY'RE TRYING TO CONFUSE US WITH THAT RECKLESS RIDING OF THEIRS, AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT!!

SO THAT'S THEIR PLAN!

I'LL TEAR APART ...

ALSO KNOWN AS THE HURRICANE OF WEST JAPAN!

I AM SHIBATA, FROM KANAZAWA MISAKI, THE UNSHAKABLE MAN!!

THAT'S SHALLOW, SOUHOKU!

WOW !!

KANAZAWA MISAKI ! ACCELER-ATED AGAIN!!

YOUR MEANING-LESS TRICKS!!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THESE SITUATIONS IS TO STAY CALM!

I CAN DO THIS!

IT'S THE LAST 4KM!

あと 4 km

HE MADE USE OF THE CONFUSION, THAT SHIBATA!!

NO ONE COULD REACT IN TIME!

WAS HE CONSERV-ING HIS ENERGY ALL ALONG!?

DAMN!

I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO LEAP OUT SO EARLY!

ALRIGHT.

OKAY.

STOP CALLING ME AN OLD MAN!

IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA FOR BOTH OF US TO GO TOGETHER HERE!?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO, OLD MAN?!

WE FINALLY CAUGHT UP, BUT SOME GUY DECIDED TO JUMP AHEAD!

TRY AND CATCH UP IF YOU CAN, SOUHOKU!!

SOUHOKU!

SHUNSEI

SENPAI, PLEASE STAY HERE.

YOU STAY HERE.

NO ONE'S COMING!

THE GOAL'S MINE!

KAWA

HAA

HAA

HAA

HUH?

I WAS BEING NICE ABOUT IT AS YOUR SENIOR!

YOU SAY THAT, BUT YOU JUST WANT TO BE IN THE LEAD, DON'T YOU!?

NO WAY!!

SOHOKU

LANZAKI

!!

CAN'T I HAVE SOME RESPECT!?

HUH?

SUUUURE !!

!!

EH...?

HOW ARE YOU ABLE TO CATCH UP!?

WHAT'S WITH THEM...

ONODA ...

EH!?

I HOPE THEY WON'T GET INTO A FIGHT...

UM...

I, I'M SURE THEY'LL BE FINE...

THEY PROBABLY ARE...

IS BECAUSE ...

THE REASON WHY THEY CAN ACCELERATE LIKE THAT,

IF THEY WENT ALONE, IT'LL TAKE ALL THEIR STRENGTH JUST TO CATCH UP TO THE GROUP AHEAD OF US.

HUH?

WHY DO YOU THINK I LET THEM GO TOGETHER?

THAT'S WHAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD THINK.

BUT IT'S FOR A DIFFERENT REASON.

FOR ONE OF THEM TO BLOCK THE WIND... RIGHT?

NOT EVEN TO THEIR OWN TEAMMATES!!

THEY'RE RACING EACH OTHER.

THAT'S HOW,

SPRINTERS ARE!!

NO, YOU ARE!

THEY WON'T GIVE UP THE TOP SPOT,

YOU'RE IN THE WAY!

MOVE, OLD MAN!

GRAA!

"I DON'T WANT TO LOSE TO THIS GUY!"

THAT IS ONLY POSSIBLE WHEN BOTH PARTIES FEEL THAT THEY ARE OF EQUAL STRENGTH!

NO WAY!

SOHOKU

THAT'S WHAT KEEPS THEM GOING,

WHO IS IT!?

!

AND PUSHES THEM FORWARD!!

LOOKS LIKE

YOU'RE HAVING FUN.

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JOIN IN?

CAN I,

箱根学園

HAKOGAKU

!!

THEY CALL ME THE FASTEST IN ALL OF KANA-GAWA.

I AM IZUMIDA TOUICHIROU, A' HAKOGAKU SECOND YEAR.

JUST AS I FELT SOMETHING CREEPING UP FROM BEHIND ...

SO IT WAS YOU, HAKOGAKU!!

RIDE.78 SPRINT MACHINE!

HERE HE COMES... HAKOGAKU'S SPRINTER!

NEVER STOOD A CHANCE.

TO ME,

THEY ...

NICE TO MEET YOU.

SO YOU OVERTOOK THAT BUNCH TOO!

I AM IZUMIDA TOUICHIROU.

NOT REALLY ...

RIDE.78 SPRINT MACHINE!

YES... HE'S A SECOND YEAR.

THERE WAS ONCE I RAN INTO HIM IN THE CHANGING ROOM...

HE'S...

...!

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

DAMN!

THAT WAS FAST...

JUST WHAT ARE THEY!?

I CAN'T SEE THEM ANYMORE ...!!

IZUMIDA...

DO YOU KNOW HIM!?

WAS THERE SUCH A FAST GUY IN HAKO GAKU!?

WE DEFINITELY PUT IN AS MUCH EFFORT AS THEM TOO!

DAMN IT!!

A SPRINT MACHINE, FROM HEAD TO TOE!

HE'S HERE!

HE'S COMING AFTER US WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT!

SO HE'S NOT ALL TALK, AFTER ALL!

THERE'S 3KM TILL THE FIRST CHECKPOINT...

VERY IN-TEREST-ING!!

THAT'S...

COME AT ME,

EYELASHES-KUN!!

WAIT.

HM?

I'M GOING TO SHOW HIM MY STRENGTH !!

WHAT IS IT, OLD MAN!? THAT WAS TOTALLY THE PERFECT TIME TO LEAP OUT!

YOU JUST MISSED YOUR CHANCE.

AREN'T WE GONNA RACE?

WE SHOULD JUST GO WHEN IT'S THE RIGHT TIME TO!

SPRINTS ARE ABOUT COURAGE AND OPPOR-TUNITIES!

HM?

OH, ME?

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

WHY DID YOU UNZIP THE FRONT OF YOUR JERSEY?

ALSO,

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO MIND THINGS LIKE THAT!

!!

IT SEEMS, THAT YOUR SKILLS AND RESULTS DON'T MATCH...

BUT, I'VE SEEN YOUR NAME IN COMPETITIONS IN KANTO,

SO THIS IS WHY FUKUTOMI-SAN TOLD US TO WATCH OUT FOR SOUHOKU.

YOU'RE A SHARP ONE, AREN'T YOU?

SINCE WE'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR, I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING.

CARE TO EXPLAIN?

YOU'VE JUST OVERTOOK A LARGE GROUP OF THE BEST SPRINTERS EASILY.

I MANAGED A STRICT DIET DURING VACATIONS,

TO INCREASE MY MUSCLE MASS JUST FOR THIS SUMMER.

IN ORDER TO REACH MY PHYSICAL PEAK FOR THIS INTER-HIGH,

I PLANNED THIS CARE-FULLY, FROM THE START.

GIVING WAY TO MUSCLES...

BUT AS MY BODY FAT SLOWLY MELTED AWAY...

IT WAS A LONG-TERM PLAN,

SO I DIDN'T DO VERY WELL IN THE RECENT RACES.

IT'S REALLY FUN...

I'VE BURNED AWAY ALL THAT FAT TO ACHIEVE THIS!

AND MY BODY BECOMING LIGHTER!!

I CAN FEEL MY SENSES BECOMING SHARPER...

I'VE REMOVED EVERYTHING UNNECCES-SARY...

IT'S LIKE I'VE BECOME MUSCLE ITSELF!

BY BURNING, STRAINING, AND POLISHING...

ALL SO THAT I CAN

BECOME MUSCLE ITSELF!

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HE'S SERIOUS!!

NO WAY...

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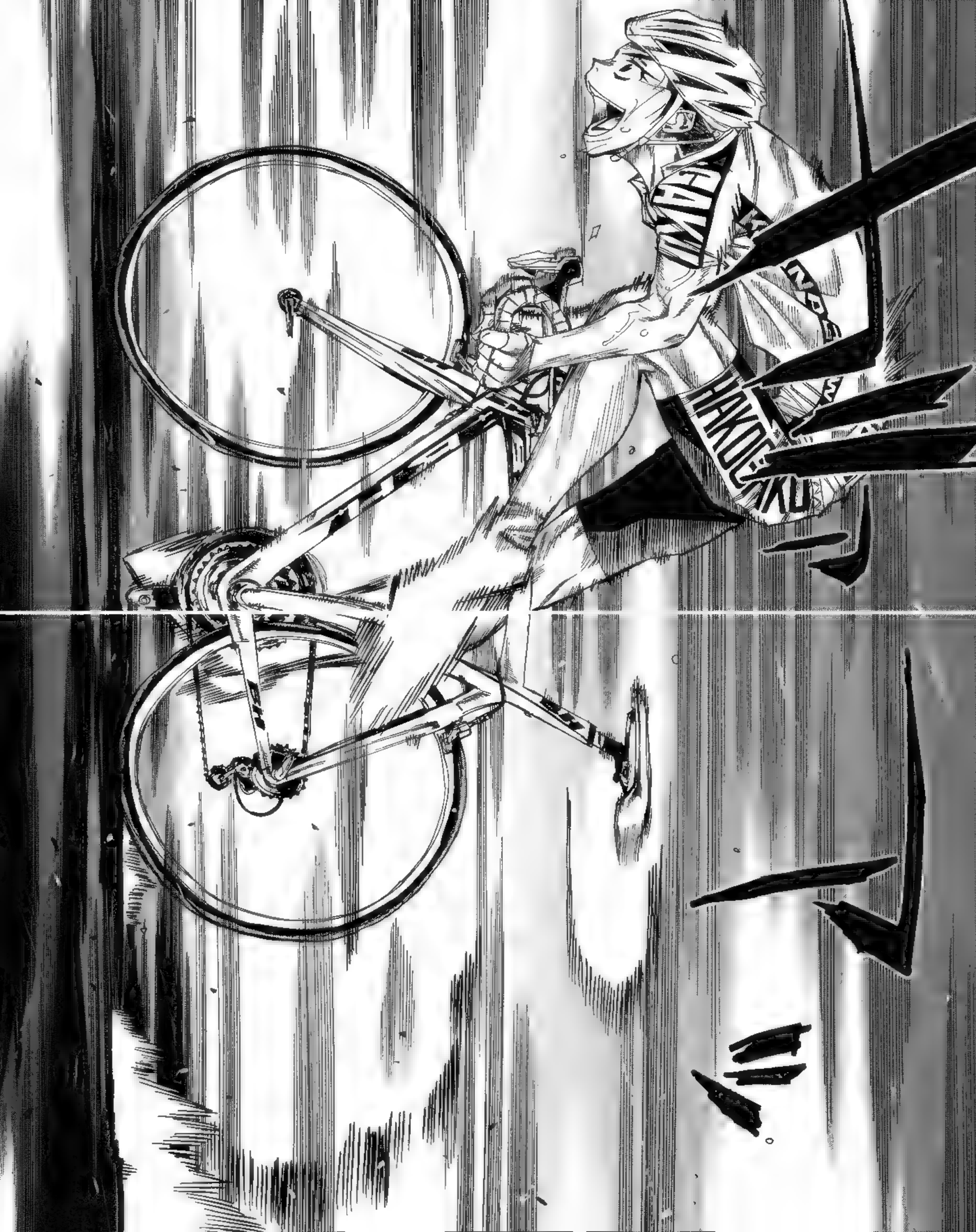
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HAKUSAKU

I'M NOT-

LETTING THAT HAPPEN!

HE'S GOING FOR THE TOP RESULT!

HOW COULD HE ACCELERATE SO SUDDENLY!?

HE'S WAY TOO FAST!

ABS,

ABS!!

ABS,

ABS!!

OLD MAN, YOU BETTER START GETTING SERIOUS!

THAT GOES FOR YOU TOO!

HE'S GETTING AWAY!

DAMN...

THAT GUY...!

2 km

OH, AND I FORGOT TO ANSWER YOUR OTHER QUESTION.

I'LL PULL UP,

ONLY WHEN I'M SERIOUS.

THE ZIPPER OF MY JERSEY.

BUT IT SEEMS LIKE,

I WON'T HAVE TO DO THAT THIS TIME!

……!!

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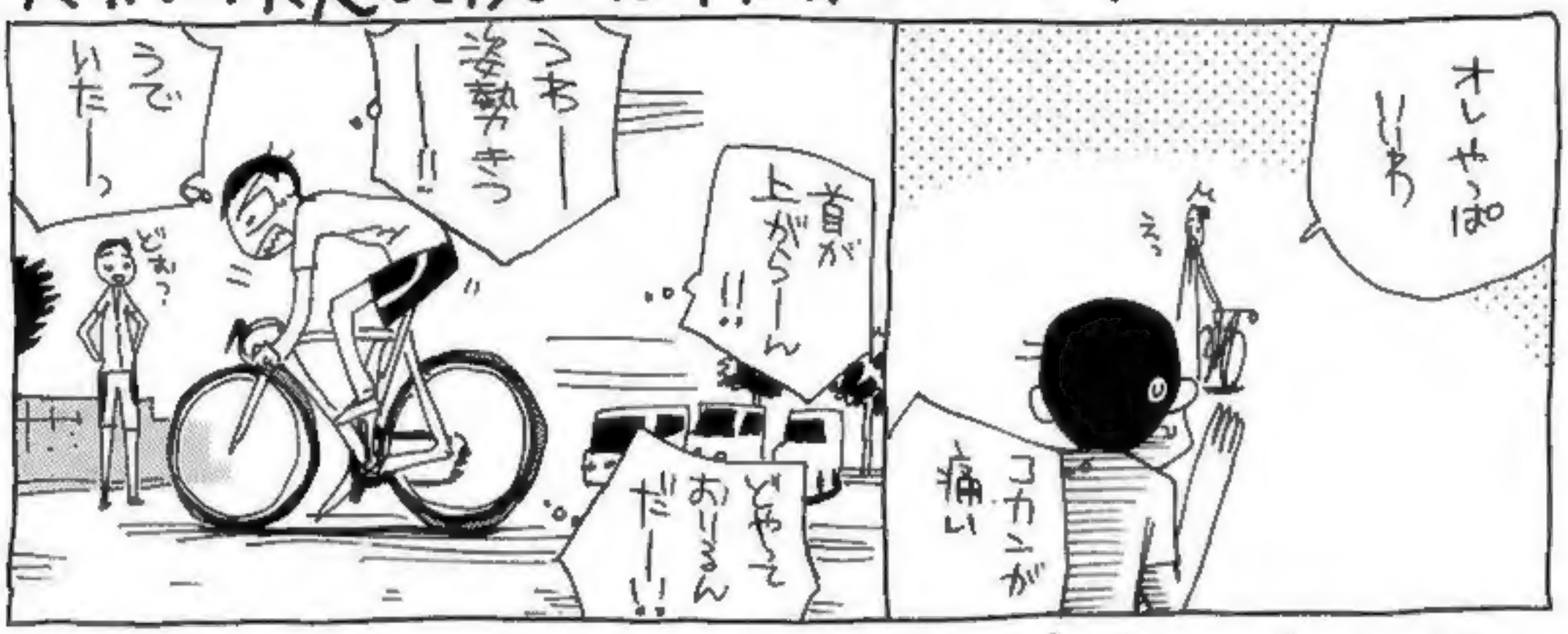
ロードレーサーに乗るために必要な筋肉のお話

普段運動してない人がいきなりフルマラソンを走れないのと同じように　ロードレーサーというものは「ロードレース」という自転車競技のれっきとしたスポーツの道具なので　乗るためにはちょっと訓練が必要です

購入を決意して友人のロードに乗せてもらったら…



という人はいませんか…

あふいは思いきって買ったのに…

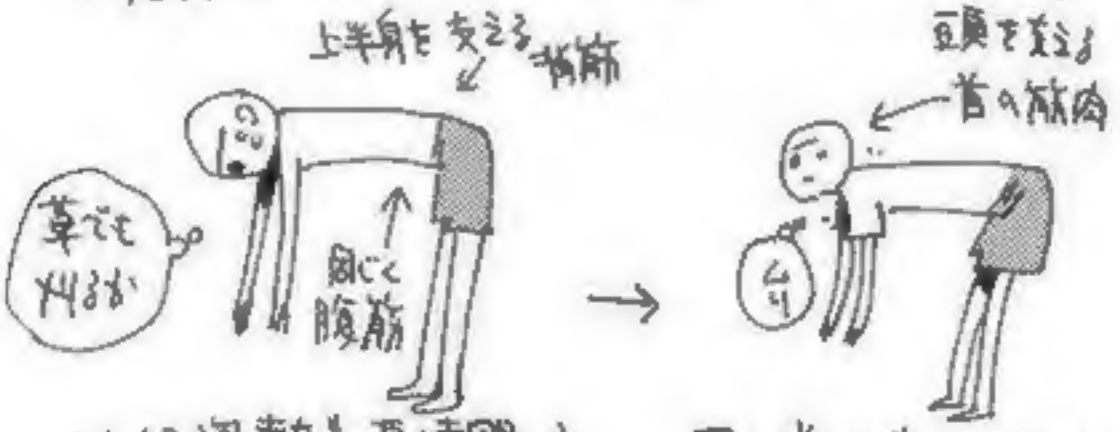
という人…!!

そうー

いきなりスイスイのれる人なんてそうそういません　そんなあなたに足りないものは――

というのは大げさですが…

ロードレーサーに乗るためには 普段使わない筋肉が必要になってきます



こんな姿勢で長時間は ことは普段ありません。

更に首で支えるなんてこと全然ありません。

しかし乗るために特別なことをする必要はありません

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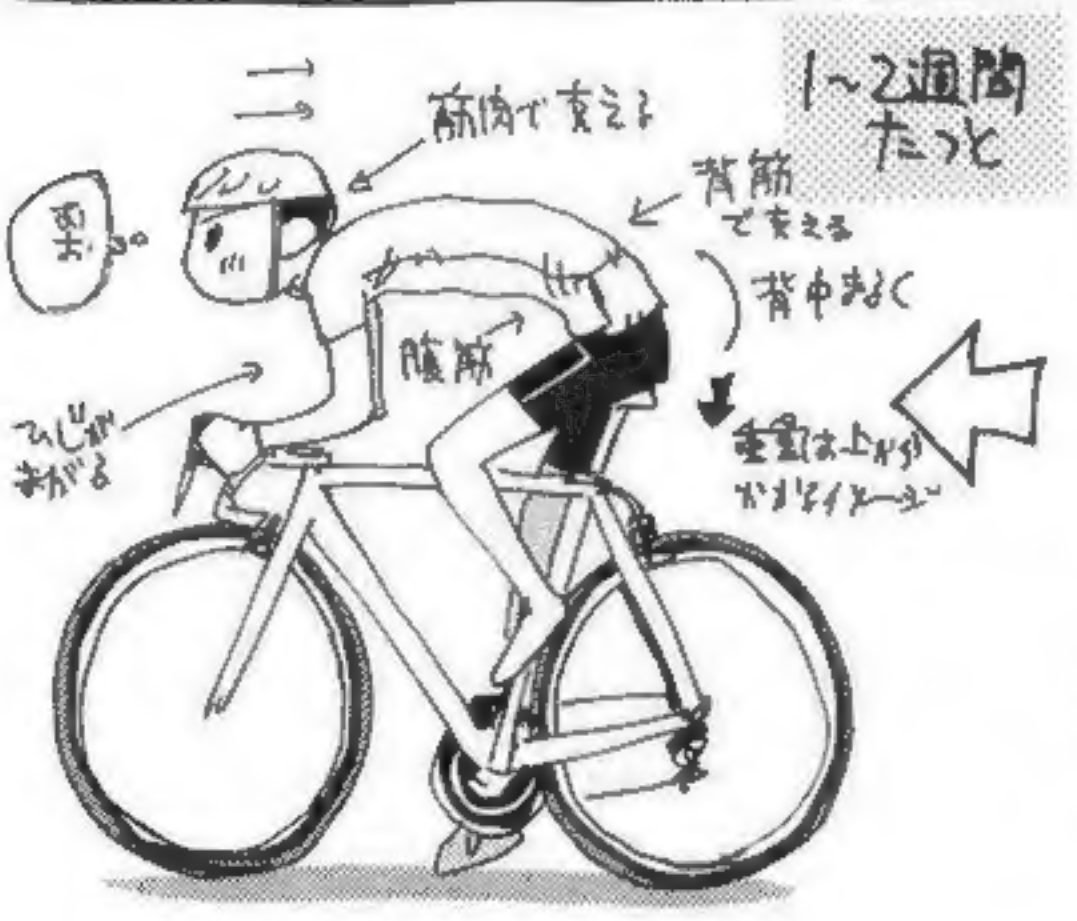

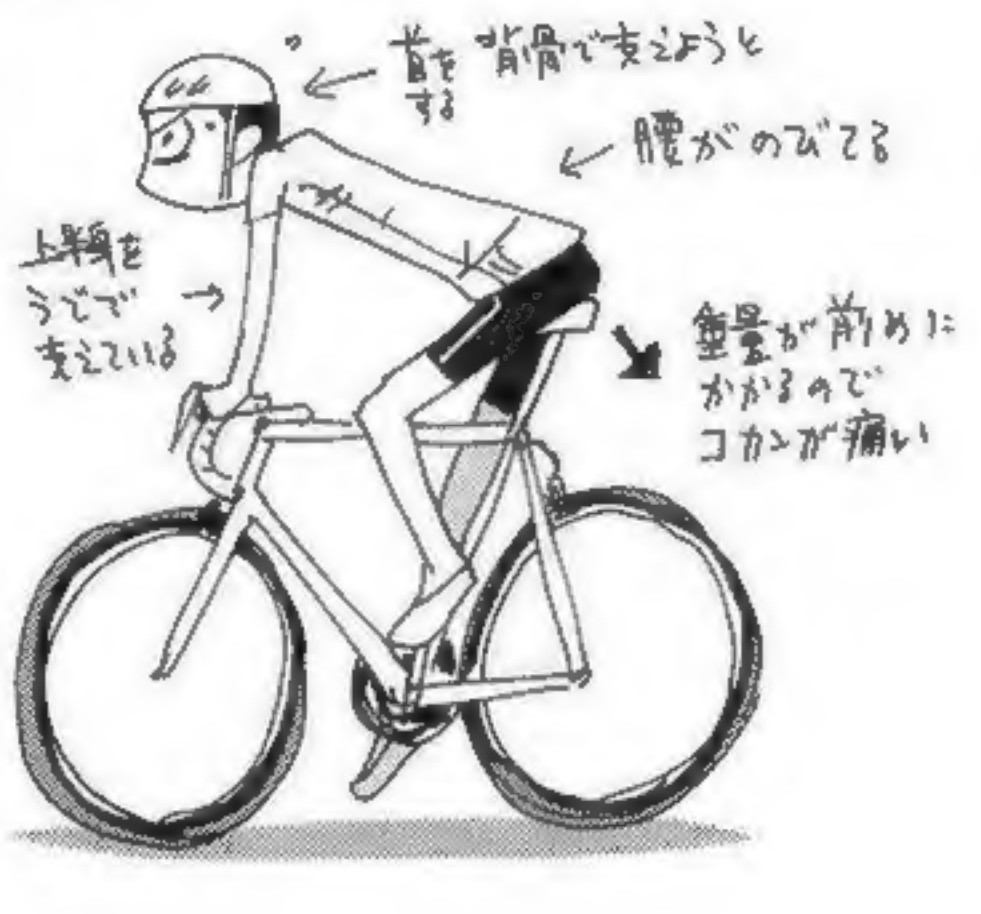

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